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1. For propaganda purposes abroad, the Soviets utilize:

a. The radio.

b. The press. All printed media are used: newspapers, magazines, books, photographs, posters, in both Russian and foreign languages. Among the better-known vehicles for propaganda abroad are The Soviet Union (Sovetskiy Soyuz), News (Novosti), New Times (Novoye Vremya), and International Literature (Internatsionalaya Literatura). Translations of articles on art, science and technology, politics, and other subjects, from both the pre-revolutionary and the Soviet period, are made and distributed. The Great Soviet Encyclopedia, the Russian Language Dictionary, and foreign language dictionaries also contain Soviet propaganda material. Handbooks are prepared in which words or phrases are given the meanings desired by the Soviets.

c. The cinema and participation in international cinema festivals. "Kuban Cossacks" (Kubanskiye Kozaki) and "Tales of Siberia" are very well produced according to the Soviet point of view. Not more than 10 or 15 per cent of what is shown in Soviet films, however, is true. The Soviet people attend these pictures because there are no others to see, and the music and photography are good according to Soviet standards. On leaving the movies, Soviets will remark, "When will we actually have such living conditions?"

d. Utilization of legitimate contacts with foreign countries through:

- 1) VOKS, the All-Union Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (Vsesoyuznoye Obshchestvo Kulturnoy Svyazi s Zagranitsey).
- 2) TASS and its correspondents abroad.

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- 3) Sports meets of all kinds.
 - 4) International conferences, political, economic, and others.
 - 5) Meetings of Soviet front organizations, such as the World Peace Council, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Democratic Jurists, societies of writers, and foreign Communist Party congresses and conferences. At the conferences of all these organizations, the Soviets put on pompous receptions and feasts, present gifts (notebooks, magazines, pictures, pens) to nearly all the delegates, and frequently finance individual delegations, assuming the responsibility for a major portion of the expenditures.
 - 6) Cultural and other delegations. Soviet cultural and other delegations, traveling abroad, are also used for propaganda purposes. Various types of foreign delegations which arrive in the Soviet Union are well received. They are shown those regions of the Soviet Union, such as Georgia, where the standard of living is higher than in other regions. They are lavishly welcomed and feasted. As a rule, the results are satisfactory to the Soviets.
 - 7) The satellites, which, in order to please "the boss", sing praises of the Soviet Union.
 - 8) Communist and Communist front organizations in the capitalistic countries.
2. The Soviet Government is generous in its expenditure of money for propaganda purposes. Every dissension, even the smallest, among the nations of the Western block is exploited to the fullest by the Soviets through the application of the type of propaganda best suited to forward their aims.

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